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1. YOU SHOULD AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS
IN OFFICIAL PROTEST AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN UN OVER NORTH
KOREAN PRESS CONFERENCE REF A:

---NORTH KOREANS HAVE VIOLATED THEIR OBSERVER MISSION
STATUS IN UN BY ISSUING A PROPAGANDA STATEMENT WHICH WAS OF
UNPRECEDENTED MALICIOUSNESS AND WHICH WAS UNRELATED TO UN
ACTIVITIES;

---THIS ACTION IS CONTRARY TO ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR
FOR PRESS CONFERENCES HELD AT UN HEADQUARTERS;

---SYG SHOULD RECALL TO NORTH KOREANS' LIMITATIONS INHERENT
IN THEIR OBSERVER STATUS, ADMONISH THEM ABOUT MISUSE OF
PRESS CONFERENCE FACILITIES AT UN HEADQUARTERS, AND FORMALLY
CAUTION THEM AGAINST ANY REPETITION OF THEIR PERFORMANCE OF
MARCH 4.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR
DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN MARCH 5. THOUGH SUBJECT WAS NOT
REPEAT NOT RAISED DURING NOON BRIEFING, ADDRESSEE POSTS
SHOULD DRAW UPON GUIDANCE AT THEIR DISCRETION IN REPLYING
TO QUERIES THEY MAY RECEIVE.

TEXT(UNCLASSIFIED):

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON NORTH KOREAN
ACCUSATIONS AT THE UN YESTERDAY ABOUT STEPPED UP PREPARA-
TIONS BY THE U.S. FOR AN ATTACK IN KOREA?

A. FIRST, OUR MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IS
BEING INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST IN THE STRONGEST TERMS WITH
APPROPRIATE UN OFFICIALS OVER THIS ABUSE BY THE NORTH
KOREANS OF THEIR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UN. UTILIZING
THE FACILITIES OF THE UN FOR MALICIOUS PROPAGANDA ATTACKS
AGAINST A UN MEMBER STATE IS INCOMPATIBLE NOT ONLY WITH
NORTH KOREA'S OBSERVER STATUS BUT CONTRARY TO ACCEPTED
STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR OF PRESS CONFERENCES HELD ON UN
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FACILITIES.

SECONDLY, THE SPECIFIC CHARGES MADE BY THE NORTH
KOREAN OFFICIAL IN HIS REPORTED PRESS REMARKS ABOUT U.S.
INTENTIONS IN KOREA ARE INCORRECT. THE U.S. IN CONCERT
WITH OTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
CALLED LAST YEAR FOR REALISTIC, CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO

REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THE UNGA ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT. AS YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY IN HIS SEPTEMBER 22 SPEECH PROPOSED TO THE PARTIES OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TO DISCUSS WAYS TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. AT SUCH A MEETING, HE INDICATED WE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO EXPLORE OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE TENSIONS INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A LARGER CONFERENCE TO NEGOTIATE A MORE FUNDAMENTAL ARRANGEMENT.

Q. DID PRESIDENT FORD SAY ANYTHING ABOUT NORTH KOREAN TROOPS BEING IN THE SAHARA?

A. THIS CHARGE WAS A GROSS DISTORTION OF A FEBRUARY 25 HEARST INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT. THE EXACT TEXT OF THE RELEVANT PORTION OF THAT INTERVIEW FOLLOWS: "QUESTION--THE RUSSIANS, THEY SAY, ARE ARMING THE ALGERIANS TO DO THIS, OR PUSHING THE ALGERIANS TO DO IT, AND THERE IS SOME TALK ABOUT IMPORTING NORTH KOREAN MERCENARIES IN THERE (I.E. SPANISH SAHARA). ANSWER--I HAVE READ SOME OF THOSE RUMORS, BUT SO FAR I THINK IT HAS BEEN KEPT AT

A REASONABLY CALM LEVEL. BUT, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE WORKING ON IT." END OF TEXT. KISSINGER

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